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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/699,449	Applicant(s) ROBOTTI, KARLA M.	
	Examiner Marcela M. Cordero Garcia	Art Unit 1654	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 24-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the reply received on August 3, 2006.

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 24-26 are withdrawn as not drawn to the elected group.

Any rejection from the previous office action, which is not restated here, is withdrawn.

Applicant elected in their reply of January 6, 2006, the species wherein the nucleophile is an amine moiety, wherein the linker includes a photocleavable group having the structure (IV), wherein the deglycosylated protein is released from the solid support by exposing the resin bound deglycosylated protein to light, and wherein the released proteins are subjected to mass spectrometric analysis. Claims 1-11 and 14-19 are readable thereon. Claims 1-11 and 14-19 have been searched and examined and found free of the prior art with respect to Applicant's elected species (however, please see 112 1st rejection below). Please note that no claims are written in independent form and therefore, as drafted, the claims are not allowable.

Claims 1-23 are presented for examination on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claims are drawn to a separation method of glycosylated and unglycosylated proteins. The specification describes a very broad method that encompasses any glycopeptide-containing mixture comprising at least one glycosyl group bound to a protein (page 17, lines 20-31) via beta-elimination followed by nucleophilic attack in a resin containing a nucleophile. A single example is provided by Applicant, describing a separation of an unspecified protein sample (see, page 22, lines 24-28). The sample is not described in any detail. From the instant disclosure it is unclear to Examiner as to whether Applicant had indeed possession of the invention especially with regards to complex mixtures of any kind of protein, such as found in biological samples (page 18, lines 103) and encompassing any kind of glycopeptide of any molecular mass and composition, including any kind of saccharide attached therein by means of any chemical bond within peptide and saccharide, and isolation of any kind of glycopeptide concentrations (i.e., when the glycopeptide is a very minor portion of the mixture) and encompassing peptides and glycopeptides with any type of functional groups therein [e.g., page 10, lines 20-34, page 17, lines 20-31]. In addition, multiple glycosylation sites within a protein are not disclosed in the specification, and it is not clear as to what kind of modifications the instant method would require in such cases and whether Applicant did indeed have possession of the invention as broadly claimed.

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Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcela M. Cordero Garcia whose telephone number is (571) 272-2939. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-6:00.

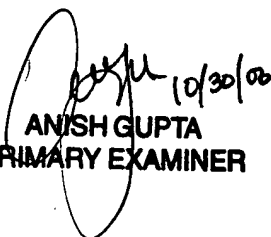
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia J. Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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